

Phillips Theological Seminary

Summer 2009 Courses and Summer - Fall Registration Information

All PTS students should read carefully the following information concerning the Summer 2009 course schedule and registration procedures for the Summer and Fall semesters.

When should I register for summer and fall 2009 courses? You should register during the period of Tuesday, March 24 – Friday, April 3, 2009. Prior to or during this limited period of time, all continuing students should contact their advisers by email or phone concerning an appointment to discuss course selection for the Summer and Fall terms. It is very important to register by the deadline of **April 3**.

Why is it important to register during this period? Registering not only helps continuing students reserve places in courses with limited enrollment and provides priorities for those approaching graduation, but it also prevents the unnecessary cancellation of courses that appear after April 3 to be under-enrolled.

If I fail to register for summer courses by the April 3 deadline, can I register later? The final registration possibility for any particular summer term course closes, without exception, three weeks prior to the module in which the course is offered.

If I don't register for fall courses by the April 3 deadline, can I register later? Continuing students who fail to register by the April 3 deadline may inconvenience their advisers and delay their own graduation. Having missed the primary registration period, they must wait until August 10, 2009 to register. However, at that point, seniors in program have no special priority in limited enrollment courses. **Please note: In all cases, students whose accounts are in arrears must see Toni Imbler before they may begin the registration process.**

Do PTS summer courses require coursework before and after the actual class sessions? Yes. Because summer courses focus contact hours in a short period of time, faculty members will expect students to begin reading and working on assignments long before the first class session. Therefore, students must be responsible for checking Blackboard to obtain course booklists, syllabi, and all necessary materials. If this information is not posted at least three weeks prior to the first class session, please contact the instructor. Booklists are also available on the PTS website under the 'Virtual Bookstore' icon. Instructors will normally expect students to complete final research and writing assignments after the last class session and by the deadline of August 7, 2009.

If I register for a fall semester course, how do I obtain a booklist and syllabus? Students who register for fall courses, including online courses, should begin looking at the PTS Blackboard site in early August to see if course materials are available. If information is not available by August 15, students should contact the instructor. Those students registering for weekend and concentrated courses normally have assignments due prior to the first class session and after the final session. Booklists are also available on the PTS website under the 'Virtual Bookstore' icon. Obtaining the appropriate materials well in advance is important.

What if I have questions about procedures? Students who have questions about these procedures should contact Staci Copenhaver, administrative assistant to the deans, Toni Imbler, registrar, or Don A. Pittman, dean.

Summer Modules I and II General Information

It is only necessary to complete one enrollment form for both summer modules.

The request to undertake an independent study course must be filed in the registrar's office with all required signatures by the first day of the appropriate summer module. Enrollment forms and Independent Research forms must include the complete course number and title. Enrollment forms will not be processed without the Independent Research form.

DROPPING COURSES: To drop a course before classes start, you may fax your drop request to the registrar, Toni Imbler, (918-270-6412) or email your request to toni.imbler@ptstulsa.edu. Please include the reason for dropping the course. Requests to drop a course will not be taken over the telephone.

Within the first 7 contact hours of a summer course, courses may be dropped for any reason. No record appears on the transcript. Between 7 and 14 class contact hours courses may be dropped for any reason. The dropped courses will be listed on the transcript with a "WD" indicating withdrawal. After 14 class contact hours courses may be dropped with a grade of "WD" only for verified extenuating circumstances of a non-academic nature. A written petition must be presented to the dean.

AUDITS: Individuals motivated by a desire for personal growth rather than an accumulation of credit hours may audit selected credit courses at the greatly reduced cost of \$60.00 per credit hour. Auditors are allowed in most courses, with permission of the instructor, if space permits. See PTS catalog for audit policies.

TUITION: Summer 2009 Module I: \$485 per credit hour minus any financial assistance. Summer 2009 Module II: \$490 per credit hour minus any financial assistance.

STUDENT FEES:

Community Life Fee:	\$ 8.00 per hour, max. \$20.00
General Fee:	6 hours or more - \$120.00 5½ hours or less - \$90.00
Matriculation Fee:	\$ 50.00
Late Enrollment Fee:	\$ 25.00
Technology Fee:	\$ 25.00 per module

MODULE I PAYMENTS: Students are expected to pay their tuition and fees in full by May 25, 2009. If a two-payment plan is desired, one-half of the tuition and all of the fees for summer are expected by May 25, 2009 and the balance by June 25, 2009.

MODULE II PAYMENTS: Students are expected to pay their tuition and fees in full by July 6, 2009. If a two-payment plan is desired, one-half of the tuition and all of the fees for summer are expected by July 6, 2009, and the balance by August 6, 2009.

SUMMER TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE: If the completed drop slip is returned (email and faxes are accepted) to the Registrar's Office, the refunds are as follows:

From end of registration through May 25.....	all but \$25
From May 26 to the day prior to start of the class	80%
On the first day of class.....	50%
On or after the second day of class	0%

Summer 2009 Courses Master's Level Programs

Module I:

1. HS 673.07³ History of Preaching in the Black Church Tradition

Dates: May 26 – 30 (Tuesday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:45p.m.)

Instructor: John L. Thomas, Jr.

Course Description: A survey course of Black Preaching in its historical, social, and religious context. Attention will be given to defining within such preaching a specific “Black Hermeneutic” that explains its unique style, methodology, theology, and contribution to the general practice of preaching. Through special readings, listening, and experiencing Black preaching, students should be able to identify its essential distinguishing characteristics, describe its historical context, and learn to appreciate its socio-theological methodology.

John L. Thomas, Jr. is Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Associate Dean for Contextual Education and Church Relations, and Director of Supervised Ministries at PTS.

2. SM 500¹ Supervised Ministries: Reflections on Ministry Experiences May also be taken as **SM 504-1¹ MAMC Supervision in Ministry**

Dates: Students must register in Module I; the class will meet on the following schedule:

- a. Thursday, June 4 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- b. Thursday, July 9 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:15-4:15 p.m.)
- c. Friday, July 10 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

Instructor: Leslie Penrose

Course Description: Students will explore the meaning and practice of ministry by engaging in systematic theological reflection on particular situations from their own ministry contexts. Class size is limited. Prerequisites: CD 502, TE 500, and permission of the director of supervised ministries.

Leslie Penrose is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and PTS director of ministerial formation for UCC students.

3. SM 503¹ Supervised Ministries: **Integrating Theory and Practice of Ministry**

Dates: Students must register in Module I; the class will meet on the following schedule:

- a. Thursday, June 4 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- b. Thursday, June 25 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- c. Thursday, July 9 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- d. Thursday, August 6 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

Instructor: John L. Thomas, Jr.

Course Description: A seminar course for advanced students who will look at the interplay of theory and practice in their various contexts for ministry. Class size is limited. Prerequisites: two semesters of supervised ministries for M.Div. students, SM 504 for M.A.M.C. students, and permission of the director of supervised ministries.

John L. Thomas, Jr. is Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Associate Dean for Contextual Education and Church Relations, and Director of Supervised Ministries at PTS.

4. PT 611³ Storytelling in Ministry

Dates: June 8 – 12 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Barbara McBride-Smith, with Corinne Stavish as a special guest lecturer.

Course Description: An introduction to the art of storytelling as it applies to the preaching and teaching ministries. Students will learn what storytelling is and is not, where to find a story, and how to learn a story. Grading is pass/fail. Class size is limited.

Barbara McBride-Smith (M.Ed., Boston University) is a librarian, teacher, author, and well-known professional storyteller.

5. CC 588³ Death and Dying

Dates: June 8 – 12 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Leslie Penrose

Course Description: This course explores the social, religious, and pastoral care issues that face dying persons, caregivers, and communities of faith at the end of life. Satisfies a CC requirement for M.Div. or M.T.S. students.

Leslie Penrose is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and PTS director of ministerial formation for UCC students.

6. CD 650.05³ Faculty Study Tour: Church Response to Katrina

Dates: June 17 - 21 (Wednesday – Sunday)

Instructor: Ellen Blue

Course Description: Course will be taught in New Orleans, LA. We will study how churches are meeting human need and attempting to redefine, reconstruct, and revitalize the church's mission, its congregations, its physical structures, and its infrastructure. Students must arrange their own travel to and from New Orleans. Course begins in New Orleans Wednesday morning and ends late Sunday evening. Estimated additional travel costs are \$150 to \$200 per person which includes housing for June 16 and June 22. Normal tuition and financial aid applies. Class size is limited. Satisfies a CC requirement for M.Div. or M.T.S. students.

Ellen Blue is the Mouzon Biggs, Jr. Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies at PTS.

7. PT 689.21¹ Spiritual Care Following Reproductive Loss

Dates: June 19 - 20 (Friday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Instructor: Rebecca Turner

Course Description: Reproductive losses affect nearly every family, but are seldom addressed by the church community. This one semester hour course will provide an overview of various forms of reproductive loss and will present helpful counseling techniques and rituals that promote healing. Reproductive loss includes miscarriage, abortion, fetal death, infertility, and placing a child for adoption. Both women's and men's concerns will be addressed. Students in this for credit course will participate in an educational program which will also be open to the general public. However, PTS for credit students will have appropriate graduate level reading and writing assignments.

Rebecca Turner is executive director of Faith Aloud, formerly called the Missouri Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, a position she has held since 2001. She is an ordained minister with standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

8. HB 500³ Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Dates: June 22 - 26 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Susanna Southard

Course Description: An introduction to the literature and thought of the Hebrew Scriptures set within the social worlds of Israel and the ancient Near East. The survey primarily covers Genesis—Kings and emphasizes social-scientific and narrative analysis of biblical texts.

Susanna Southard is Instructor of Hebrew Bible at PTS.

Module II:

1. CC 680.12³ Contemporary Conversations Between Evolution and Religion

Dates: July 13 - 17 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Deborah Meinke

Course Description: Darwin's theory of evolution exerted far-reaching effects on science and society. The late 20th century return to religious fundamentalism has re-ignited conflicts over evolution. The course focuses on several topics: what the theory of evolution proposes; current religious controversies about evolution; and grounds for dialogue between advocates of evolutionary theory and Christian theologians. Satisfies a CC requirement for M.Div. or M.T.S. students.

Deborah Meinke (M.Div., PTS; Ph.D., Yale University), Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Claremore, Oklahoma.

2. NT 523³ Interpreting the Book of Revelation

Dates: July 20 - 24 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Nancy Claire Pittman

Course Description: A study of the historical, literary, and theological features of the Book of Revelation with attention to interpretive strategies and the exegesis of selected texts. Prerequisite: NT 500.

Nancy Claire Pittman is Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at PTS.

3. TE 642.20³ An Introduction to Karl Barth

Dates: July 27 - 31 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: James Ayers

Course Description: One of the giants of 20th century theology, Barth stands as a champion of bringing the whole witness of scripture to bear on theological questions such as "what does it mean to be a Christian?" and "what does it mean to be the church?" We will first look at Barth's particular way of thinking about scripture along with his general theological method. Then we will use the question regarding whether Barth was a universalist as a kind of a case-study to see how his general method applies to a particular issue. Satisfies an advanced theology requirement for M.Div. or M.T.S. students. Prerequisite: TE500.

James Ayers (Ph.D., Boston University), pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS

4. HS 673.06³: The Social Gospel and Public Ministry

Dates: August 3 - 7 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:45 p.m.)

Instructor: Gary Blaine

Course Description: This seminar articulates the church's responsibility as a corporate citizen for the common good. We will trace the history of God's justice and the Social Gospel Movement; equip students to identify and articulate the place of justice in their personal faith and vision for ministry; and offer them models for social justice ministry in the local church.

Gary Blaine (D.Min., Chandler School of Theology, Emory University), senior minister of University Congregational Church, Wichita, Kansas.